

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

Regular Meeting

February 17, 1949
10:30 A. M.

Council Chamber, City Hall

The meeting was called to order, with Mayor Miller presiding.

Roll call:

Present: Councilmen Bartholomew, Glass, Johnson, Long, Mayor Miller
Absent: None

Present also: Guiton Morgan, City Manager; Trueman E. O'Quinn, City Attorney; J. E. Motheral, Director of Public Works; and R. D. Thorp, Chief of Police.

The reading of the Minutes was dispensed with.

A committee composed of three negroes and a white girl and white boy, members of the Progressive Party, or Wallace Party, appeared and presented a number of petitions from residents of East Austin requesting better garbage service, a fire station, negro firemen, more traffic lights, street lights, more paving and more bridges. The Mayor advised this group that any complaints regarding garbage service should be registered with the Director of Public Works, and that East Austin was receiving as good garbage service as the rest of the residential areas in the city. Further, that more improvements had been made in East Austin in proportion to the tax money received than in any other party of the city, and that the City Council does not discriminate when improvements are made in the city. The requests made will be given consideration as soon as possible.

Dr. Everett Givens, representing the Negro Citizens' Council, appeared and requested playground equipment for the two negro schoolgrounds, one in west Austin and one in south Austin, also a small swimming pool for each, if possible. The School Board as agreed to let the negroes use the Olive Street School grounds as a playground and they would like to have playground equipment for this too. Dorie Miller Auditorium should have a wood floor in place of the cement which it now has so that it can be used for basketball games, and additional tennis courts and playground equipment for Rosewood Park. The Mayor advised Dr. Givens that these requests would be given consideration.

A representative of the University Chapter of American Veterans requested permission to have a scientific exhibit parked on Congress Avenue, in front of Grand Silver store, for a period of 8 days. This exhibit is owned by a private party who has agreed to pay the Chapter \$500 for sponsoring the exhibit. A free will offering is taken at the entrance. The Council instructed the City Manager to give this permission if a satisfactory agreement can

be worked out with the merchants in that area, and traffic problems worked out. This, however, will be the last time such permission will be granted to anyone.

Dr. David Stitt, President of the Presbyterian Seminary, appeared regarding the sale by the City to the Seminary of Block 5, in Fruth Addition, located between 29th and 30th streets, Cedar street and University Avenue, which property is to be used for church purposes only. The Mayor stated that the money received from the sale of this property will be put in the Parks and Playground Fund and used to purchase additional parks and playgrounds and equipment for same, as this property was originally purchased for park purposes out of the Parks and Playground Bond Funds. The City will retain ownership of 29th street which is not now open to the public.

Councilman Johnson offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

THAT the City Manager be and he is hereby authorized and directed to cause to be prepared an ordinance, a deed, and such other legal instruments as may be necessary to complete the sale by the City of Austin to the Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary of all of Block 5, in Fruth Addition, a subdivision of Outlots 14 and 73, Division D, in the City of Austin, for a consideration of \$35,000.00 in cash; said ordinance to be presented to the City Council for consideration and adoption at the earliest practicable date and the transaction for the sale of said property to be completed at the earliest reasonable time.

Which motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Bartholomew, Glass, Johnson, Long, Mayor Miller
Noes: None

Pursuant to published notice thereof, the public hearing of the application of J. W. VAUGHN to amend the Zoning Ordinance in the following particulars:

To amend the USE designation of the following described property so as to change the same from "A" Residence to "C" Commercial District:

Lots 2, 3, 4 and 5, Block 7, Silverton Heights, located at 6800 Guadalupe street, in the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas,
was duly opened.

The following appeared for the change: J. W. Vaughn, A. P. Canova.

The following appeared against the change: Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Marburger.

Mr. and Mrs. Marburger stated that there were deed restrictions against business in this location. Mr. Vaughn stated that he knew that but that the City had changed the property of Jac Gubbels located almost across the street from his property and which had the same deed restrictions. After discussing this matter, the Mayor advised Mr. Vaughn to confer with the City Attorney regarding the deed restrictions on this property.

Councilman Johnson moved that this hearing be postponed until February 24th, at 11 A. M. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Bartholomew, Glass, Johnson, Long, Mayor Miller

Pursuant to published notice thereof, the public hearing of the application of W. T. CASWELL and JAKE SILBERSTEIN to amend the Zoning Ordinance in the following particular:

To amend the USE designation of the following described property so as to change the same from "A" Residence District to "C" Commercial District:

Lots 6 thru 9, Block 2, Outlot 22, Division O, known as 200 thru 210 Chicon Street, in the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas,

was duly opened.

Because the Board of Adjustment had recommended this change with the exception of Lot 6, and opposition to the changing of Lot 6 was expressed by Ben Thrasher, attorneyfor Carlos Sanchez, the Council stated that they would go and look at this property before making a final decision.

Councilman Glass moved that the hearing be postponed until February 24, at 11 A. M. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Bartholomew, Glass, Johnson, Long, Mayor Miller
Noes: None

Pursuant to published notice thereof, the public hearing of the application of MITCHELL N. TONEY to amend the Zoning Ordinance in the following particular:

To amend the USE designation of the following described property so as to change the same from "D" Industrial District to "C-2" Commercial District:

All of the property on the north side of the 2400 Block on East 7th Street, being lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, Block 9, Lincoln Street, in the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas,

was duly opened.

The City Attorney advised the Council that because the applicant did not appear to plead for this change, and the Board of Adjustment did NOT recommend such change, the Council had nothing before it to act on.

Pursuant to published notice thereof, the public hearing of the application of LILLIE MAE HOWARD BENNETT to amend the Zoning Ordinance in the following particular:

To amend the USE designation of the following described property so as to change the same from "A" Residence District to "C" Commercial District:

Lots 4 and 5, Block 2, Outlot 34, Division B, known as 2012,2014 East 12th Street, in the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas,

was duly opened.

The following appeared for the change: Lillie Mae Howard Bennett

The following appeared against the change: None

There being no protests against the proposed change, the hearing was thereupon closed. Councilman Glass moved that the action of the Board of Adjustment be sustained and the change GRANTED, and the City Attorney instructed to prepare the ordinance. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Bartholomew, Glass, Johnson, Long, Mayor Miller
Noes: None

Pursuant to published notice thereof, the public hearing of the application of J. C. GALLOWAY to amend the Zoning Ordinance in the following particular:

To amend the USE designation of the following described property so as to change the same from "A" Residence District to "C" Commercial District:

The west one-half of Lots 7 and 8, Block 13,
Glenwood Addition, Outlots 32 and 33, Division
B, known as 1403 Chestnut Avenue, in the City
of Austin, Travis County, Texas,

was duly opened.

The following appeared for the change: J. C. Galloway and several other interested property owners

The following appeared against the change: None

Those appearing for the change stated that this would be a improvement to the neighborhood and that the applicant would operate a nice cleaning and pressing business.

Councilman Glass moved that the action of the Board of Adjustment be NOT sustained and the change be granted, and the City Attorney be instructed to prepare an ordinance. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Bartholomew, Glass, Johnson, Long, Mayor Miller
Noes: None

John Rutherford, representing the Longhorn Boat Club, appeared and asked that the Club be given permission to use the one-mile area adjacent to the City Park on Lake Austin on Saturdays, from 1 to 5 P. M., and on Sundays, from 12 noon until 5 P. M. instead of Saturdays only and from 9 A. M. to 12 noon, for motor tuning and boat racing practice. Also, permission to use the City Park on May 15th and September 18th when they will have their boat races.

Councilman Glass moved that the permission requested be granted, subject to revocation should complaints be received from the citizens. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Bartholomew, Glass, Johnson, Long, Mayor Miller
Noes: None

M. H. Crockett appeared and requested that his application for a change in zoning, from "A" Residence to "C" Commercial, of the property located on Lamar Boulevard, 3912 thru 3922, be reopened as quickly as possible. The Council agreed to have such rehearing held February 24th, 1949, at 11 A. M.

The Mayor brought before the Council the matter of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company franchise.

Judge C. S. Slatton and Edward Clark representing the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company were present; also Stormy Davis, Manager of the local office of the Telephone Co. Judge Slatton advised the Council that he had received his company's approval of the rate increase agreed upon on February 11th, also the increase to 2% for gross receipts tax and the \$1,250 franchise tax. The Company has called for bids for the contemplated improvements to the Austin system and that same will be completed as soon as possible. Judge Slatton stated that his company had not asked for a franchise and were agreeable to continuing to operate without a franchise as they had done since 1942, but that they would be glad to consider one should the City decide to pass one.

The City Attorney stated that he had not had time to complete the preparation of a franchise but he submitted a tentative draft of such for study by the Council.

Henry Holman presented a number of petitions which he had circulated requesting that the ordinance passed by the City Council increasing the telephone rates be suspended and that the citizens be allowed to vote on this question at the City election to be held on April 4, 1949. Mr. Holman was advised that the courts have held that utility rates cannot be voted on by the electorate, but that they could vote on a franchise.

Mayor Miller and Councilman Glass stated that they felt that this whole matter had been the result of a misunderstanding by a number of the citizens of Austin. The the only thing the Council had in mind was doing the very best they could for the citizens and getting the lowest possible rate increase. An increase was inevitable and the Telephone Company was entitled to a fair increase because they had to give their employees increases in wages and the materials needed for the operation of their system had increased a great deal.

Councilman Long presented a resolution which she asked the Council to adopt.

The resolution was read and discussed but no action was taken on it. The Mayor stated that the Council would study this matter and have an opinion from the City Attorney on same.

Mayor Miller issued a proclamation proclaiming the week of February 21 thru 28 "Rose Week".

Councilman Glass asked to be excused from the meeting as he was leaving town.

Councilman Johnson moved that the following requests for changes in zoning be referred to the Board of Adjustment for consideration and recommendation:

Mrs. Helen Attal, 600 Park Boulevard, change, from "A" Residence to "C" Commercial, the property located at 801 East Avenue.

M. H. Crockett, Box 1037, change, from "A" Residence to "C" Commercial, the property located at 4308 thru 4312 Lamar Boulevard.

R. C. Hoover)
 David Pearson)
 Mrs. Elsie Wiswell)

change from "A" Residence to "C" Commercial,
 the property located between 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 21st streets
 on the west side of East Avenue.

Jack H. Key, 606 $\frac{1}{2}$ Rio Grande, change from "A" Residence to "C" Commercial,
 the property located at 4418 and 4420 Lamar
 Boulevard.

Sam Lane, 705 East 21st, change from "B" Residence to "C" Commercial,
 the property located at 2400 East Avenue.

E. C. McClure)
 Lem Scarbrough) change from "A" Residence to "C" Commercial,
 the property located at 5209 and 5211 Eilers
 Avenue.

Same change from "A" Residence to "C" Commercial,
 the property located at 4200 thru 4214, 4300
 thru 4306 Lamar Boulevard.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Bartholomew, Johnson, Long, Mayor Miller

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Glass

Councilman Bartholomew offered the following resolution and moved its
 adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, the Tax roll for the year 1947 carries an assessable valuation
 of \$460 on the land described as E. 100.67' of Lot 18, Convenient Courts,
 Plat 118, Item 79, in the name of Anna Spiller; and

WHEREAS, this figure represented a clerical error in the calculation
 of said assessment; and

WHEREAS, the intended assessable valuation of this land for the year
 1947 was \$50; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

THAT the City Tax Assessor and Collector be authorized, and he is here-
 by so directed, to reduce the assessed valuation of said land from \$460 to
 \$50 for the year 1947.

Which motion, carrying with it the adoption of the resolution, carried
 by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Bartholomew, Johnson, Long, Mayor Miller

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Glass

Councilman Long offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, Texas Public Service Company has presented to the City Council
 tentative maps or plans showing the proposed construction of its gas mains in
 the streets in the City of Austin hereafter named, and said maps or plans

have been considered by the City Council; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

THAT Texas Public Service Company be and the same is hereby permitted to lay and construct its gas mains in and upon the following streets:

(1) A gas main in GUADALUPE STREET, from St. Johns Avenue southerly 395 feet, the centerline of which gas main shall be $7\frac{1}{2}$ feet west of and parallel to the east property line of said GUADALUPE STREET.

Said gas main described above shall have a cover of not less than $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet.

(2) A gas main in BLUEBONNET LANE, from a point 5 feet south of Wright Street south to Peach Tree Street, the centerline of which gas main shall be 20 feet west of and parallel to the east property line of said BLUEBONNET LANE.

Said gas main described above shall have a cover of not less than $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet.

(3) A gas main in PEACH TREE STREET, from Bluebonnet Lane westerly 880 feet, the centerline of which gas main shall be $7\frac{1}{2}$ feet south of and parallel to the north property line of said PEACH TREE STREET.

Said gas main described above shall have a cover of not less than $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet.

(4) A gas main in FRAZIER AVENUE, from a point 215 feet east of Bluebonnet Lane westerly 107 feet, the centerline of which gas main shall be $7\frac{1}{2}$ feet south of and parallel to the north property line of said FRAZIER AVENUE.

Said gas main described above shall have a cover of not less than $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet.

(5) A gas main in WEST 35th STREET, from Hillview Road to Balcones Drive, the centerline of which gas main shall be $7\frac{1}{2}$ feet north of and parallel to the south property line of said WEST 35th STREET.

Said gas main described above shall have a cover of not less than $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet.

(6) A gas main in BALCONES DRIVE, from West 35th Street northerly 820 feet, the centerline of which gas main shall be $10\frac{1}{2}$ feet east of and parallel to the west property line of said BALCONES DRIVE.

Said gas main described above shall have a cover of not less than $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet.

(7) A gas main in RIO GRANDE STREET ALLEY NUMBER 2, from West 29th Street northerly 97 feet, the centerline of which gas main shall be 5 feet west of and parallel to the east property

line of said RIO GRANDE STREET ALLEY NUMBER 2.

Said gas main described above shall have a cover of not less than $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet.

(8) A gas main in SWISHER STREET, from Wahrenberger Street northerly 92 feet, the centerline of which gas main shall be $7\frac{1}{2}$ feet west of and parallel to the east property line of said SWISHER STREET.

Said gas main described above shall have a cover of not less than $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet.

(9) A gas main in EAST 3rd STREET, from Pleasant Valley Road easterly 540 feet, the centerline of which gas main shall be $12\frac{1}{2}$ feet south of and parallel to the north property line of said EAST 3rd STREET.

Said gas main described above shall have a cover of not less than $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet.

(10) A gas main in WEST MONROE STREET, from a point 500 feet west of South 2nd Street westerly 47 feet, the centerline of which gas main shall be $7\frac{1}{2}$ feet south of and parallel to the north property line of said WEST MONROE STREET.

Said gas main described above shall have a cover of not less than $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet.

The Texas Public Service Company is hereby put upon notice that the City of Austin does not guarantee that the space assigned above is clear from other underground utilities, but is based upon the best records we have at hand, and that the minimum depth stated does not have any reference to the fact that greater depths may not be required at special points. When the Texas Public Service Company requires definite information upon the ground as to elevations or working points from which to base the location of their assignments they shall apply to the Department of Public Works not less than three (3) days before such information is required. The Texas Public Service is further put upon notice that they will be required to bear the expense of repairs or replacement of any underground utility damaged during the construction of lines named in this resolution.

AND THAT whenever pavement is cut in the vicinity of a fire plug, water must be used at intervals during the course of backfilling of the ditches.

THAT the work and laying of said gas mains, including the excavation in the streets, and the restoration and maintenance of said streets after said mains have been laid shall be under the supervision and direction of the City Manager and under all the pertinent terms and conditions of the certain franchises granted to said company by the City of Austin.

Which motion, carrying with it the adoption of the resolution, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Bartholomew, Johnson, Long, Mayor Miller

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Glass

Councilman Johnson offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

THAT the City Council of the City of Austin hereby approves the construction and maintenance of a loading platform in the sidewalk area on the west side of San Jacinto Street between East 1st and Willow Streets, on property which is owned by Brown Express Company, the same being designated as Lot 7, Block 181, of the Original City of Austin, Travis County, Texas, locally known as 209 East 1st Street, and hereby authorizes the Brown Express Company to construct and maintain said loading platform, subject to the same being constructed in compliance with all the ordinances relating thereto and further subject to the foregoing attached recommendations; and the Building Inspector is hereby authorized to issue a building permit for the construction of this loading platform after full compliance with all the provisions of this resolution, and said permission shall be held to be granted and accepted subject to all necessary, reasonable and proper, present and future regulations and ordinances of the City of Austin, Texas, in the enforcement of the proper police, traffic and fire regulations, and the right of revocation is retained, if, after hearing, it is found by the City Council that the said Brown Express Company has failed and refused and will continue to fail and refuse to perform any such conditions, regulations and ordinances.

(Recommendations attached)

Which motion, carrying with it the adoption of the resolution, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Bartholomew, Johnson, Long, Mayor Miller
 Noes: None
 Absent: Councilman Glass

Councilman Long moved that the following applications for taxicab operator's licenses, duly approved by the City Manager, be granted:

Lonnie Clemons, Jr. (col),	2408 East 10th,	1940 Dodge Sedan, Title No. 5300706, Motor No. D14-105115, License No. JK-5986
Lacy J. Crenshaw (col),	1410 Singleton,	1941 Chevrolet Sedan, Motor No. A117814, License No. JE-1663
D. F. Samuel,	1500 Newning,	1949 4-door Chevrolet Sedan, Fac- tory No. GAA80512, License No. KT-1860
Ernest J. Kunkel,	1609 E. 6th,	1942 Plymouth Sedan, Factory No. P14-120571, License No. KU-1744
John T. Walker (col),	1912 E. 12th,	1942 4-door Chevrolet Sedan, Motor No. BA-52351, License No. JV-9376
Rudolph Ryans (col),	2304 E. 12th,	4-door 1949 Ford, Motor No. 98BA-386571, License No. KL-104

(This is recommended for a 90-day probationary license)

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Bartholomew, Johnson, Long, Mayor Miller
 Noes: None
 Absent: Councilman Glass

Councilman Johnson moved that the following applications for taxicab driver's permits, duly approved by the City Manager, be granted:

Lonnie Clemons,	2408 East 10th street
Ermon E. Smiley,	1504 Canterbury
Vivien B. Fallwell,	1623 Willow street
Joe Ponton	2605 East 5th street
Lawrence G. Moore (col),	913 East 13th street
Andrew B. Ryals,	2805 North Guadalupe street
Horace C. Smith,	700 West Avenue
John T. Walker (col),	3303 East 12th street
Ewell M. Whitten,	102 East 15th street

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Bartholomew, Johnson, Long, Mayor Miller

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Glass

Councilman Johnson moved that the following applications for beer and wine permits, duly approved by the City Manager, be granted:

Patio Grill, Charles Caraway,	504 Trinity street
Stanley's Drive Inn, H. E. Stanley,	6406 Georgetown Road

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Bartholomew, Johnson, Long, Mayor Miller

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Glass

Councilman Johnson moved that Vernon Dorsett's application for a beer and wine permit, to be sold at 306 Congress Avenue, be granted as a probationary permit. The Chief of Police reported that this location had given the Police Department a lot of trouble, and that Vernon Dorsett had a police record. If complaints are received again from this location, then Vernon Dorsett's permit will be revoked and a report made to the State Liquor Control Board.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Bartholomew, Johnson, Long, Mayor Miller

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Glass

Councilman Bartholomew moved that the City Manager be authorized to enter into a contract with the Howard T. Cox and Company, Auditors, for the audit of the books of the City of Austin for the year, 1949, for the sum of \$4,500.00, the audit to be made monthly.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Bartholomew, Johnson, Long, Mayor Miller

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Glass

Councilman Long introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THAT CERTAIN ORDINANCE PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS, JULY 17, 1941, AND RECORDED IN ORDINANCE BOOK "L", PAGES 152-174, INCLUSIVE, OF THE ORDINANCE RECORDS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, WHICH ORDINANCE WAS AMENDATORY OF THAT CERTAIN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING ZONING REGULATIONS AND DISTRICTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL APRIL 23, 1931, AND RECORDED IN BOOK "I", PAGES 301-318, INCLUSIVE, OF THE ORDINANCE RECORDS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, THE AMENDATORY ORDINANCE HEREBY CHANGING THE USE DESIGNATION FROM "B" RESIDENCE DISTRICT AND FIRST HEIGHT AND AREA DISTRICT TO "A" RESIDENCE DISTRICT AND FIRST HEIGHT AND AREA DISTRICT ON LOTS 1 THROUGH 7, OF BLOCK 2, AND ALL OF BLOCKS 1, 3, 4, 5, AND 6, WESTFIELD "A", IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS; ORDERING A CHANGE IN THE USE MAPS SO AS TO RECORD THE CHANGES HEREBY ORDERED; AND SUSPENDING THE RULE REQUIRING THE READING OF ORDINANCES ON THREE SEPARATE DAYS.

The ordinance was read the first time and Councilman Long moved that the rule be suspended and the ordinance passed to its second reading. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Bartholomew, Johnson, Long, Mayor Miller
Noes: None

The ordinance was read the second time and Councilman Long moved that the rule be suspended and the ordinance passed to its third reading. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Bartholomew, Johnson, Long, Mayor Miller
Noes: None

The ordinance was read the third time and Councilman Long moved that the ordinance be finally passed. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Bartholomew, Johnson, Long, Mayor Miller
Noes: None

The Mayor then announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

The Board of Equalization presented their report on the tax appeals received by the Council from property owners. After discussing this report, the Council agreed to go out with the Board and make an inspection of some of the appeals before a final decision was made.

The report is as follows:

"December 23, 1949

Council Meeting Tax Appeals

I.

E. M. Scarbrough & Sons, represented by Dan Moody, attorney, protested valuation placed on the Scarbrough Building.

We recommend no change.

II.

Kurt Meyer, protested the valuations on the improvements on the following:

- 1702 Kenwood - We recommend no change.
 708 Highland - " " "
 1513 Woodlawn - " " "
 1602 Travis Heights Blvd. - We recommend no change.
 800 Highland - Not owned by Mr. Meyer, sold in 1945
 for \$5,850.00.
 1902 Lake Austin Blvd. - We recommend to change the
 base unit to \$3.00 per square foot,
 all porches to \$1.50 per square foot;
 entire building less 35% depreciation
 for age, condition and obsolescence.
 Garage same address, base unit 50¢
 less 60% depreciation.
 1904 Lake Austin Blvd. - We recommend to change the
 the base unit to \$3.00, porch to
 \$1.50 per square foot; all less 35%
 depreciation; garage and storage
 building to remain the same with the
 result that all improvements this
 item will change from \$3,110.00
 assessed to \$2,980.00 assessed.

III.

Roswell Miller protested valuation placed on property on Northumberland Road and all of Highland Park.

We recommend no change on either piece of property.

IV.

Mrs. May Dear protested valuation placed on property located at 1309 West 34th Street.

We recommend no change.

V.

Dr. T. J. McElhenny property located at Windsor Road East and Rainbow Bend, as follows:

- (a). Item 99, Lot 41, recalculate to change from \$3,790.00 assessed to \$1,980.00 assessed.
- (b). Item 100, Lot 42, give 15% discount for terrain, changing from \$1,990.00 assessed to \$1,690.00 assessed.
- (c). Item 101, Lot 43, give 30% discount for terrain, changing from \$2,160.00 assessed to \$1,510.00 assessed.
- (d). Item 102, Lot 44, give 20% discount and change "side street influence" from 20% to 10%, changing from \$2,760.00 to \$2,020.00 assessed.
- (e). Improvements at 4007 Avenue A, slight change in measurements and porch unit and change depreciation from 40% to 50% for age, condition and obsolescence, changing from \$710.00 assessed to \$590.00 assessed.

VI.

Harry Joseph property located in the 2900 block of Guadalupe Street.
Valuation accepted by owner.

VII.

Mrs. S.J. Kelly, 1101 Tillery street.
No change. Information and explanations given to owner's satisfaction by Tax Assessor

VIII.

Preston G. Wilson, 2314 Hancock Drive.
No change recommended on improvements. Recalculate land on Item 37, changing from \$1,260 assessed to \$1,010.00 assessed, and Item 38 from \$1,360.00 to \$1,180.00. Net reduction of \$430.00 assessed.

IX.

Forrest E. Black, 2601 South Congress Avenue.
Surrounding land was re-valued by Equalization Board in 1947 but Tax Department failed to make this change on this particular item until 1948. We recommend change be made retroactive to include 1947 as originally intended.

X.

Young and Pratt, 1818 Fredericksburg Road.
Personal property inventory filed before Board adjourned. Recommend inventory be accepted as follows:

Merchandise	\$6,620.00
Furniture and fixtures	\$ 700.00
Machinery and equipment	<u>\$2,600.00</u>
Total	\$9,520.00 assessed.

XI.

I. R. Williams, 1011 E. 55th street
We recommend altering units and depreciation, changing total assessed amount from \$2,710.00 to \$2,010.00.

XII.

Jack L. Brannum, 4618 Burnet Road
Personal property inventory corrected and we recommend its acceptance as follows:

Furniture and fixtures	\$1,380.00
Machinery and equipment	<u>\$1,260.00</u>
Assessed total	\$2,640.00

XIII.

Williams and Hoover, 502 West 6th st.
We recommend that personal property inventory on machinery, equipment, furniture and fixtures be accepted in the amount of \$2,820.00.

XIV.

Nortex Hide and Produce Co., 509 E. 5th st.
We recommend that personal property inventory be accepted as follows:

Furniture and fixtures	\$ 500.00
Merchandise	\$1,560.00
Total assessed	\$2,060.00

Respectfully submitted,

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

By Rickey Key, Chairman
Howard Bull
L. Theo Belmont."

There being no further business, upon motion of Councilman Johnson, the meeting was recessed at 3 P. M., subject to call of the Mayor.

APPROVED:

Tom Miller

Mayor

ATTEST:

Walter F. Busch
Acting City Clerk